

# **DYNASTY METALS & MINING INC.**

(the “Company”, or the “Corporation”)

## **MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF THE COMPANY’S FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2012**

### **Date and Subject of this Discussion and Analysis**

This discussion and analysis, made as of March 31, 2013, is integral to, and should be read in conjunction with, the Company’s audited financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012 (the “Audited Financial Statements”). These documents, and additional information relating to the Company, including the Company’s Annual Information Form dated March 31, 2013, are available for viewing at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) (the “SEDAR Website”). All dollar amounts herein are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise noted.

### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements**

This discussion and analysis and the documents incorporated by reference into this discussion and analysis contain forward-looking information within the meaning of the applicable Canadian securities laws concerning our planned activities for the current financial year, our plans to explore and develop the Zaruma Gold Project and our other mining properties, our estimated resources, production, capital costs and operating and cash flow estimates, and other matters. These statements relate to analyses and other information that are based on forecasts of future results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable and assumptions of management. Any statements that express or involve discussions with respect to predictions, expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, assumptions or future events or performance (often, but not always, using the words or phrases such as “expects,” “anticipates,” “plans,” “projects,” “estimates,” “assumes,” “intends,” “strategy,” “goals,” “objectives,” “potential” or variations thereof or stating that certain actions, events or results “may,” “could,” “would,” “might” or “will” be taken, occur or be achieved, or the negative of any of these terms and similar expressions) are not statements of historical fact and may be “forward-looking information.” Statements concerning resources estimates may also be deemed to constitute forward-looking information to the extent that they involve estimates of the mineralization that will be encountered if the property is developed. Forward looking information are subject to a variety of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual events or results to differ from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

### **Cautionary Note to United States Investors**

This discussion and analysis and the Company’s financial statements are prepared and presented in accordance with the rules and regulations that govern Canadian reporting issuers, as required by the Toronto Stock Exchange and applicable securities laws in Canada. The Company does not report to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and, in its public disclosure, it uses terms such as “measured”, “indicated” and “inferred” resources, which are not permitted terminology in the United States. In addition, United States investors are cautioned that the Company’s financial statements do not conform with, nor are they reconciled to, accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

### **Description of Business**

The Company is a reporting issuer in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario, Canada. On August 2, 2007 its securities were listed for trading on the Toronto Stock Exchange (the “Exchange”) under the symbol “DMM”. The Company is in the business of acquiring, exploring and developing mineral concessions in Ecuador. From inception until 2010, the Company had funded substantially all of its operating and capital expenses with proceeds from the sale of capital stock. From 2010 and up until September 30, 2013, mine development expenses and overheads were primarily funded from the sale of precious metals produced during mine construction at the Zaruma Gold Project. During this time the Company was in the pre-commercial stage of operations having yet to reach the stage of sustainable commercial production.

In the fourth quarter of the year ended December 31, 2013, Management determined that commercial production at the Zaruma Gold Project had commenced for accounting purposes, as the mine was operating as intended. This decision was based on a number of factors including, amongst others, the completion of operational commissioning of major mine components, the achievement of consistent operating results for a period of time and the indication that these results will

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continue. For accounting purposes the Company commenced recognizing net income from production effective October 1, 2013.

Continuing operations continue to be dependent upon the Company's ability in the future to mitigate the risks and overcome the challenges generally associated with comparable development and early stage production enterprises. Most significantly, it must either generate sufficient cash flow from the sale of precious metals in the future or secure additional working capital from debt or equity financings, or through the profitable sale of capital assets, as required, neither of which is assured.

The Company's head and principal office is located at Suite 270, 666 Burrard Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V6C 2X8. Its registered and records office is located at Suite 300, 204 Black Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2M9. The Company also maintains an office in Quito, Ecuador. The following table lists the Company's principal operating subsidiaries, their jurisdiction of incorporation and its percentage ownership of their voting securities:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Place of Incorporation</b>	<b>Percentage Ownership</b>
Empire Sun Investments Limited	British Virgin Islands	100%
Elipe S.A.	Ecuador	100% <sup>(1) (4)</sup>
Polimines Corporation	Panama	100% <sup>(1)</sup>
Golden Valley Planta S.A.	Ecuador	100% <sup>(2) (4)</sup>
Greentrade Ecuador Overseas Inc.	Panama	100% <sup>(1) (4)</sup>
Operaciones Greentrade S.A.	Ecuador	100% <sup>(3) (4)</sup>
Operaciones Greenmining S.A.	Ecuador	100% <sup>(3) (4)</sup>
Minsupport S.A.	Ecuador	100% <sup>(3) (4)</sup>

- (1) Elipe S.A. ("Elipe"), and Greentrade Ecuador Overseas Inc. ("Greentrade Ecuador") are 100% beneficially owned by Empire Sun Investments Limited ("Empire Sun"). Elipe is the registered owner of all of the Corporation's mineral concessions and Polimines Corporation and Greentrade Ecuador are holding companies.
- (2) Golden Valley Planta S.A. ("Golden Valley") is 100% beneficially owned by the Corporation. Golden Valley was established to obtain permits to process the material from the mineable properties owned by Elipe, in due course, under contract.
- (3) Operaciones Greentrade S.A. ("Greentrade"), Operaciones Greenmining S.A. ("Greenmining") and Minsupport S.A. ("Minsupport") are 100% beneficially owned by Greentrade Ecuador. These entities were initially incorporated to administer employee labour contracts. During 2009, these labour contracts were transferred to Elipe and Golden Valley.
- (4) Pursuant to a recent change in Ecuadorian law, companies must have a minimum of two shareholders. As a result, Empire Sun transferred one share of Elipe to the Corporation to hold in trust for Empire Sun; the Corporation transferred ten shares (out of a total of 1,000 shares) of Golden Valley to a third party to hold in trust for the Corporation; and Greentrade Ecuador transferred one share (out of a total of 1,000 for Greentrade and a total of 800 for Greenmining and Minsupport) each of Greentrade, Greenmining and Minsupport to a third party to hold in trust for the Greentrade Ecuador.

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**Zaruma Gold Project**

**Zaruma Gold Project Operating Results**

	Three months ended December 31, 2013 (unaudited)
Gold Revenue	\$ 15,670,352
Gold sales (ounces)	12,355
Average realized price per ounce	\$ 1,268
Mined material milled (tonnes)	29,948
Average grade (grams/tonne)	15.14
Average recovery (%)	94.3
Gold production (ounces)	13,748
Cash costs (US\$/oz Au) <sup>(a,b)</sup>	\$ 592
Cash costs (US\$/tonne Au) <sup>(a,b)</sup>	\$ 272
All-in sustaining cash cost (US\$/oz Au) <sup>(a,b)</sup>	\$ 791

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a) Net of by-product credits

b) Non-GAAP measure. See "Non-GAAP Measures" section of this M,D&A

The Company commenced accounting for the Zaruma Project as being in commercial production commencing on October 1, 2013 as the project was meeting production milestones to be operating, for accounting purposes, in the way intended by Management. During the period the Company processed approximately 325 tonnes per day ("tpd") of mined material which was below the threshold previously set to indicate commercial production. However, since the average grade of this material was significantly higher than the average grade previously set to indicate the commencement of commercial production, the decision was made to treat the Zaruma Project as though it was operating in the way intended by Management and thus as having commenced commercial production, effective October 1, 2013.

The Company previously commenced the development of three separate declines, being "Cabo de Hornos", "Ayapamba" and "Barbasco", at the Zaruma Project to access the resource contained therein. Primarily as a result of budget constraints in 2013, the Company concentrated development activities on the main decline, "Cabo de Hornos", since it provided the best access to the in-situ resources and where the installation of an electrical sub-station allows the mine to be powered from the main grid.

The average grade of material processed during the period was 15.14 grams per tonne ("g/t"). Substantially all the high grade material mined in the period was from certain sections of the Soroche vein where the grade was particularly high. The average processing rate of 325 tpd represents less than one third of the current installed capacity of the Zaruma processing plant.

Cash costs per ounce and all-in sustaining cash costs per ounce for the three months ending December 31, 2013 were \$592 and \$791 respectively.

It is not uncommon or unexpected to encounter areas of the deposit with significantly higher or lower grades as compared to

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the average grade previously disclosed in the Company's mineral resource estimate for its Zaruma Project, since the resource at Zaruma is known to contain a significant variability in grade between different areas, which are often in close proximity to each other. As a result it is unlikely that the Company will achieve a consistent monthly production profile during this early production phase of operations, until material is mined from multiple veins.

In the near term, the Company intends to remain focused on developing the main decline with the intent to continue to develop high grade gold veins in the area which will provide access to additional mining faces which in turn is expected to improve production. This outlook is based on current operations, mine plans and exploration results, which are subject to change and as such cannot be assured (see "Critical Risk Factors" section of this discussion and analysis).

Subsequent to December 31, 2013, the average grade to date has dropped compared to the fourth quarter of 2013 but has still remained consistent with the overall average resource grade. The average daily tonnage of material processed through the mill in 2014 to date is markedly lower than the average achieved in the fourth quarter of 2013 due to the reallocation of resources at the beginning of the year to carry out some normal course maintenance and development work on the main decline earlier in the year. This maintenance and development work is now complete and the Company is refocussing on mining resource grade material to be delivered to the mill for processing. However, there is therefore no assurance that the results achieved by the Company in the fourth quarter of 2013 will remain consistent over future periods or be representative of stable results from our mining activities at our Zaruma Gold Project in the near term.

**Results of Operations**

The table below highlights the results of operations for the three months and years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Nine months ended September 30, 2013	Three months ended December 31, 2013	Year ended December 31, 2013	Year ended December 31, 2012
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>	\$ -	\$ 15,937,132	\$ 15,937,132	\$ -
<b>OPERATING COSTS</b>				
Mining and processing	\$ -	\$ 7,501,301	\$ 7,501,301	\$ -
Royalties	-	794,852	794,852	-
Amortization and accretion	-	1,418,870	1,418,870	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,715,023</u>	<u>9,715,023</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EARNINGS FROM MINE OPERATIONS</b>	-	<b>6,222,109</b>	<b>6,222,109</b>	-
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Corporate and administrative	2,964,981	1,388,010	4,352,991	5,186,016
Stock-based compensation	435,684	22,383	458,067	634,477
	<u>3,400,665</u>	<u>1,410,393</u>	<u>4,811,058</u>	<u>5,820,493</u>
<b>EARNINGS BEFORE INCOME TAXES</b>	<b>(3,400,665)</b>	<b>4,811,716</b>	<b>1,411,051</b>	<b>(5,820,493)</b>
<b>INCOME TAXES</b>				
Current tax expense	-	1,446,349	1,446,349	-
Unrecoverable tax pre-payments	-	538,911	538,911	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>538,911</u>	<u>538,911</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EARNINGS / (LOSS) AND COMPREHENSIVE LOSS FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>\$ (3,400,665)</b>	<b>\$ 2,826,456</b>	<b>\$ (574,289)</b>	<b>\$ (5,820,493)</b>

Earnings from mine operations for the three months ended December 31, 2013, the Company's first quarter of commercial production, was approximately \$6 million. As mentioned previously the higher than average grade processed during the period was the primary contributor to the profitability.

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**Revenue and gold and silver sold**

The table below summarizes the Company's revenues and gold and silver sold for the three months and years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Three months ended		Year ended	
	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2012
Revenue <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 15,937,132	\$ -	\$ 15,937,132	\$ -
<b>Gold Sales</b>				
Gold sales in commercial production (ounces) <sup>(a)</sup>	12,355	-	12,355	-
Gold sales in development (ounces)	-	3,836	15,244	16,470
Total gold sales in period (ounces)	12,355	3,836	27,599	16,470
Gross proceeds from all gold sales	\$ 15,670,352	\$ 6,598,849	\$ 38,084,441	\$ 27,366,951
Realized price per ounce	\$ 1,268	\$ 1,720	\$ 1,380	\$ 1,662
<b>Silver Sales</b>				
Silver sales in commercial production (ounces) <sup>(a)</sup>	12,851	-	12,851	-
Silver sales in development (ounces)	-	6,669	45,409	33,704
Total silver sales in period (ounces)	12,851	6,669	58,260	33,704
Gross proceeds from all silver sales	\$ 266,780	\$ 212,132	\$ 1,373,980	\$ 1,034,227
Realized price per ounce	\$ 20.76	\$ 31.81	\$ 23.58	\$ 30.69

<sup>(a)</sup> For accounting purposes the Company commenced recognizing revenue and net income from production effective October 1, 2013.

Total gold sales for the three months ended December 31, 2013 were 12,355 ounces, the proceeds from which were recognized as revenue in the Company's profit and loss account.

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**Operating Costs**

The table below summarizes the Company's operating costs for the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
<b>Mining and processing</b>		
Changes in inventories	\$ 910,4674	\$ -
Consumables	1,619,812	-
Employee participation taxes	980,591	-
Equipment maintenance	663,745	-
Other mining and processing costs	597,876	-
Rentals	357,506	-
Utilities	370,851	-
Salaries and benefits	<u>2,000,246</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total mining and processing</b>	<u>7,501,301</u>	<u>-</u>
Royalties	794,852	-
Depreciation and depletion	<u>1,418,870</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total operating costs</b>	<b><u>\$ 9,715,023</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>

The Company commenced commercial production at the Zaruma Project on October 1, 2013 and as such there are no comparable operating costs for the three months ended or year ended December 31, 2012. The following provides an overview of the types of expenditures incurred for the three months ended December 31, 2013.

Salaries and benefits accounted for the largest individual direct operating costs. The Company currently has approximately 400 employees working on mining operations and 50 at the processing plant.

Consumables expense relates to the supplies required to carry out mining and plant operations, with the largest expense made on items such as drill steels and explosives for mining operations and cyanide and steel balls for the plant operations.

Employee Participation Tax is charged at a rate of 15% of net income before taking any deductions for prior periods non-capital losses and other items. Of the amount paid, 10% of the 15% is paid to employees, with the balance, 5% of the 15%, being paid to the state.

The Company maintains all mining equipment in house and currently employs approximately 30 mechanics that carry out maintenance and refurbishment work of the Company's fleet. Expenditure on machinery and parts for this equipment was approximately \$0.6 million for the period.

A 3% NSR royalty is payable to the government of Ecuador for gold and silver sales from the Zaruma property. In addition a 1.5% NSR royalty is payable to Global Royalty Corporation, which was acquired by Coeur Mining Inc. in 2013.

For the three months ended December 31, 2013, amortization of mining equipment totaled \$0.5 million; amortization of the processing plant totaled \$0.5 million; and the accretion of the provision for closure and restoration totaled \$0.1 million.

Capitalized mine development costs for the Zaruma mine are being depleted on a units-of-production basis over the total tonnage contained in the measured and indicated resource. This resulted in a charge of \$0.3 million relating to the 28,374 tonnes mined in the period. The Company has adopted a policy to expense any further development expenditure as it is incurred in respect of a mine property subsequent to the commencement of commercial production, unless substantial new future economic benefits are derived from such expenditure at which point it will be capitalized. No mine development costs were capitalized for the three months ending December 31, 2013.

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**Expenses**

The table below summarizes the Company's expenses for the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012:

	Year ended December 31,	
	2013	2012
<b>Corporate administration</b>		
Amortization	\$ 253,090	\$ 528,971
Insurance	256,369	212,466
Office and general	1,340,970	1,087,764
Other	676,640	830,000
Professional fees	636,700	1,141,511
Salaries and management fees	<u>1,189,222</u>	<u>1,385,294</u>
<b>Total corporate administration</b>	4,352,991	5,186,016
Stock-based compensation	<u>458,067</u>	<u>634,477</u>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$ 4,811,058</b>	<b>\$ 5,820,493</b>

Excluding non-cash-based deductions, corporate administration expenses for the year ended December 31, 2013 decreased by \$833,025, primarily attributable to the effect of:

- an decrease in salaries and management fees of \$196,072 resulting from the departure of the Ecuadorean subsidiaries' General Manager; and
- a decrease in professional fees of \$504,811 resulting from lower legal fees compared to the prior year. Legal fees in 2012 were greater as a result of a variety of items including the Company applying for the small mining licenses for five Zaruma concessions.

**INCOME TAXES**

***Current tax expense***

The current year tax expense is comprised of the portion of Ecuadorean Employee Participation Tax paid to the Ecuadorean government of \$490,296 and Ecuadorean Corporation Tax of \$956,053.

Employee Participation Tax is charged at a rate of 15% of net income before taking any deductions for prior periods non-capital losses and other items. Of the amount paid, 10% of the 15% is paid to employees and recognized within the operating costs section of the consolidated statement of loss, with the balance, 5% of the 15%, being paid to the state and recognized within the income taxes section of the consolidated statement of loss.

Ecuadorean Corporation tax is calculated at 22% of the balance of net income after deducting the Employee Participation Tax as well as taking deductions for prior period non-capital losses and other items.

As at December 31, 2013 the Company had pre-paid approximately \$0.7 million of these taxes.

***Unrecoverable tax pre-payments from prior period***

The Company was required to make corporate tax pre-payments during the year ended December 31, 2012 of approximately \$0.5 million. The Company previously recorded these payments as a prepaid expense, since by the end of fiscal 2012 the Company had not earned any profit and expected the pre-payments to either be refunded or credited against future tax owed. The Company now believes it is unlikely that any future benefit will be derived from these pre-paid tax amounts and the decision was made in the year ended December 31, 2013 to expense these amounts.

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**Summary of Quarterly Results**

The following is a summary of the Company's quarterly results for each of the eight most recently completed quarters:

	<u>Q4 2013</u>	<u>Q3 2013</u>	<u>Q2 2013</u>	<u>Q1 2013</u>
Revenues	\$ 15,937,132	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net earnings (loss)	\$ ( 574,289) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$( 995,933) <sup>(2)</sup>	\$(1,101,574) <sup>(3)</sup>	\$(1,303,158) <sup>(4)</sup>
Net earnings (loss) per share	\$ ( 0.01)	\$( 0.03)	\$( 0.03)	\$( 0.03)
	<u>Q4 2012</u>	<u>Q3 2012</u>	<u>Q2 2012</u>	<u>Q1 2012</u>
Revenues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Net loss	\$ (1,409,573) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$( 1,507,908) <sup>(6)</sup>	\$(1,013,470) <sup>(7)</sup>	\$(1,889,605) <sup>(8)</sup>
Net loss per share	\$( 0.03)	\$( 0.04)	\$( 0.03)	\$( 0.04)

(1) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$22,419 and \$1,671,959 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

(2) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$385,597 and \$78,053 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the granting of 1,490,000 options and with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

(3) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$(6,747) and \$84,965 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

(4) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$56,798 and \$92,876 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

(5) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$5,636 and \$101,516 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

(6) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$100,503 and \$214,128 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

(7) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$92,957 and \$49,690 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

(8) The Company's loss during this period included non-cash deductions of \$435,380 and \$163,637 for stock-based compensation, in connection with the granting of 245,000 options and with the vesting of certain options previously granted, and amortization and accretion, respectively. The value of the options is amortized over the periods in which they vest.

**Capital Expenditures**

***Exploration and Evaluation Properties***

Once a license to explore an area has been secured, it is the Company's policy to defer all acquisition, exploration and development costs, including certain field office expenses, until the properties to which they relate are placed into development, sold, abandoned, or have been determined by management to have been impaired in value.

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company spent a total of \$1,231,715 in connection with the exploration and maintenance of its mineral properties, compared to \$843,379 for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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Most of the capitalized exploration and evaluation expenditures relating to the exploration and evaluation of mineral properties (see table, below) were incurred in connection with the Company's Dynasty Copper-Gold Project and related to the payment of annual concession fees for the properties. A description and breakdown of these expenditures is as follows:

	Dynasty Project	Jerusalem Project	Other Projects	Total
<b>Balance, December 31, 2012</b>	<u>\$ 11,076,680</u>	<u>\$ 1,589,901</u>	<u>\$ 170,169</u>	<u>\$ 12,836,750</u>
<b>Costs</b>				
Camp supplies and field costs	10,889	-	-	10,889
Geological consulting	69,640	-	-	69,640
Mineral concession rights	983,178	3,578	-	986,756
Project administration	87,700	46,848	-	134,548
Travel and related costs	<u>29,382</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,382</u>
Additions for the year	<u>1,180,789</u>	<u>50,426</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,237,215</u>
<b>Balance, December 31, 2013</b>	<u>\$ 12,257,469</u>	<u>\$ 1,640,327</u>	<u>\$ 170,169</u>	<u>\$ 14,067,965</u>

Project administration expenses capitalized as part of Exploration and Evaluation Properties include 25% of amounts (US\$35,000 per month) paid to a company controlled by the Company's President for management services. A further 50% is included in mine properties, plant and equipment costs. The Company's President resides in Ecuador and spends the majority of his time on the development of the Company's mineral properties. The remaining 25% is included in management fees and expensed.

***Mine Properties, Plant and Equipment***

When economically viable projects have been determined and the decision to proceed with development has been approved, the expenditures related to construction are capitalized as mines under construction and classified as a component of mine properties, plant and equipment. Costs associated with the commissioning of new assets, in the period before they are operating in the way intended by management, are capitalized, net of any pre-commercial production revenues.

Once commercial production has been achieved at a project, exploration and development expenditures are amortized on a unit-of-production basis over the measured and indicated resources expected to be extracted economically, and included as part of the production cost.

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	Zaruma Mines	Plant and Equipment	Land and Buildings	Total
<b>Cost</b>				
Balance as at December 31, 2011	\$ 24,443,920	\$ 32,076,895	\$ 3,292,747	\$ 59,813,562
Additions	34,884,907	1,502,581	-	36,387,488
Disposals	-	(279,658)	-	(279,658)
Net-off of pre-commercial sales	<u>(28,401,178)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,401,178)</u>
Balance as at December 31, 2012	30,927,649	33,299,818	3,292,747	67,520,214
Additions	23,021,226	548,814	-	23,570,040
Disposals	-	(264,563)	-	(264,563)
Net-off of pre-commercial sales	<u>(23,254,510)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(23,254,510)</u>
<b>Balance as at December 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$ 30,694,365</b>	<b>\$ 33,584,069</b>	<b>\$ 3,292,747</b>	<b>\$ 67,571,181</b>
<b>Accumulated amortization</b>				
Balance as at December 31, 2011	\$ -	\$ 7,578,988	\$ 124,930	\$ 7,703,918
Amortization	-	4,333,715	31,287	4,365,002
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(113,451)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(113,451)</u>
Balance as at December 31, 2012	-	11,799,252	156,217	11,955,469
Amortization	358,555	4,010,521	31,287	4,400,363
Disposals	<u>-</u>	<u>(94,292)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(94,292)</u>
<b>Balance as at December 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$ 358,555</b>	<b>\$ 15,715,481</b>	<b>\$ 187,504</b>	<b>\$ 16,261,540</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At December 31, 2012	\$ 30,927,649	\$ 21,500,566	\$ 3,136,530	\$ 55,564,745
<b>At December 31, 2013</b>	<b>\$ 30,335,810</b>	<b>\$ 17,868,588</b>	<b>\$ 3,105,243</b>	<b>\$ 51,309,641</b>

Mines under construction include all direct costs associated with the acquisition, exploration, evaluation and development of portals to access the Company's resource at its Zaruma Gold Project as well as pre-commercial operating costs, up until the commencement of commercial production on October 1, 2013. It also includes the operating costs of the processing plant from June 30, 2010 to September 30, 2013. During this period, pre-commercial sales from the sale of metals prior to the commencement of commercial production on October 1, 2013 have been credited to mines under construction.

**Selected Annual Information**

The following selected annual information, prepared in accordance with IFRS, is for the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011:

Year Ended December 31	2013	2012	2011
Revenues	\$ 15,937,132	\$ -	\$ -
Earnings / (loss)	\$ 574,289	\$ (5,820,493)	\$ (7,657,089)
Earnings / (loss) per share	\$ (0.01)	\$ (0.14)	\$ (0.18)
Working capital	\$ 160,312	\$ (2,696,225)	\$ 6,392,095
Mine properties, plant and equipment	\$ 51,309,641	\$ 55,564,745	\$ 52,109,644
Exploration and evaluation properties	\$ 14,067,965	\$ 12,836,750	\$ 11,993,371
Total assets	\$ 75,494,539	\$ 72,845,130	\$ 75,442,122

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The Company began recognizing revenues from operations on the commencement of commercial production on October 1, 2013. Prior to this, when the Company was in the pre-commercial production phase the proceeds from any sales were credited to mine development costs (see "Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies" section of this Management, Discussion and Analysis). Proceeds from sales credited to mine development costs were \$23.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, \$28.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2012 and \$34.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2011.

**Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources**

As at December 31, 2013 the Company had cash resources of \$4.9 million and a working capital surplus (current assets less current liabilities) of \$0.2 million compared to cash resources of \$0.5 million and a working capital deficit of \$5.3 million as at September 30, 2013; and cash resources of \$0.4 million and a working capital deficit of \$2.7 million as at December 31, 2012.

The increase in production and sales in the fourth quarter of 2013 provided the liquidity the Company needed to not only reduce its trade payable balances but to also accumulate cash to cover some upcoming payments due to the Ecuadorean Government, including:

- The annual renewal of mineral concessions of approximately \$1 million. This balance was paid earlier in March of this year;
- The payments of NSR royalties for the second half of 2013 of approximately \$0.7 million. This balance was included in accounts payable on December 31, 2013 was paid earlier in March of this year; and
- Estimated employee participation tax and corporation tax balance owed of approximately \$2 million, which is payable by mid-April 2014.

Included within short term loans is a \$1 million Promissory Note from corporations represented by the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer. The Promissory Note bears no interest, is repayable on demand and is secured by way of a General Security Agreement over certain assets of the Company.

As at the date of this report the Company has no contractual capital commitments, however the Company plans to spend most of its remaining working capital and earnings from operations on the continued development of portals to better access the resources and the associated expansion costs and working capital needed at the Zaruma Gold Project, and, to the extent that additional funds are available, on the exploration and development of its other mineral properties. The Company's budgeted expenditures may increase or decrease depending upon several factors, some of which are not within the control of management, including the future availability of capital.

Management reviews each of the Company's properties periodically and amends the Company's exploration and development plans and budgets, accordingly. The Company is still in the early stages of commercial production and is continuing to develop the mines to increase production. Therefore, continuing operations are dependent upon the Company's ability in the future to mitigate the risks and overcome the challenges generally associated with comparable development and early stage production enterprises, most significantly, it must either generate sufficient cash flow from the sale of precious metals in the future or secure additional working capital as required, neither of which can be assured (see "Critical Risk Factors" section of this discussion and analysis).

**Key Management Personnel Compensation**

Key management personnel include executive officers and directors of the Company. Compensation of the Company's key management personnel is comprised of the following:

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	December 31 2013	December 31 2012
Executive salaries and short-term benefits <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 595,000	\$ 595,000
Non-executive directors fees	-	-
Fees paid to companies affiliated with non-executive directors <sup>(2)</sup>	-	350,113
Stock-based compensation	<u>367,282</u>	<u>168,331</u>
	<u>\$ 962,282</u>	<u>\$ 1,113,444</u>

(1) \$259,750 and \$316,125 of these expenses in the year ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, were capitalized and included in either mineral property, mines under construction or plant construction costs.

(2) \$116,655 of these expenses in the year ended December 31, 2012, were capitalized and included in mines under construction.

**Ecuador Mining Legislation**

On April 18, 2008, Ecuador's Constitutional Assembly passed a Constituent Mandate resolution (the "Mining Mandate"), which provided, among other provisions, for the suspension of mineral exploration activities for 180 days, or until a new Mining Act was approved. The Mining Act was published in late January 2009. The mining regulations to supplement and provide rules which govern the Mining Act were issued in November 2009, after which time the Mining Act and Regulations (collectively, the "Mining Law") were enacted.

The Mining Law was further amended in July 2013 and now distinguishes between large, medium and smaller scale mining operations. The Mining Law provides that operations mining up to 300 tonnes of mined material per day on an individual concession may be categorized as a smaller scale operation and are required to pay a fixed royalty of 3%; operations mining between 301 and 1,000 tonnes of mined material per day on an individual concession may be categorized as a medium scale operation and are required to pay a fixed royalty of 4%; and operations mining in excess of 1,000 tonnes of mined material per day on an individual concession are categorized as large scale operations and are required to enter into an exploitation contract with the government which sets out specific terms and conditions of the particular operation, including a royalty between 5% and 8% and the application of a windfall tax.

In 2012, five concessions at the Company's Zaruma Gold Project were qualified as and granted small scale mining licenses. This means that the Company is now able to mine 300 tonnes per day from each of these concessions, or 1,500 tonnes per day in aggregate, subject to a fixed 3% royalty and no windfall tax. The five concessions for which the Company elected to apply for the small scale operation licenses are the focus of the Company's current mine development plans at the Zaruma Gold Project, being the five concessions currently being accessed by the Company's declines and containing a significant amount of the Company's resource at the Zaruma Gold Project. The Company may apply for additional small or medium scale operation licenses for other concessions at Zaruma in the future based on its mine development plans, however there can be no assurance that these applications will be successful.

Under the terms of the current Mining Law, the Company expects that other mining assets (being the Jerusalem Project and the Dynasty Copper-Gold Project) will either qualify, if applied for, to be classified as medium scale mining operations or will be required to enter into exploitation contracts with the Ecuadorian government to advance the projects into the production phase in the future. It is currently not possible to predict the substantive terms and conditions that would be included in such agreements (see "Critical Risk Factors" section of this Management's Discussion and Analysis).

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**Non-GAAP measures**

**Cash costs per ounce and per tonne**

Cash cost per ounce of gold and cash cost per tonne of processed ore are key performance measures that management uses to monitor performance. Management believes that certain investors also use these non-GAAP financial measures to evaluate the Company's performance. Cash costs are an industry standard method of comparing certain costs on a per unit basis, however, they do not have a standardized meaning or method of calculation, even though the descriptions of such measures may be similar. These performance measures have no meaning under IFRS and, therefore, amounts presented may not be comparable to similar data presented by other mining companies.

The following tables present a reconciliation of cash costs per tonne of processed ore and cash costs per ounce of gold to the cost of sales in the consolidated financial statements for the three months ended December 31, 2013. Since the Company started commercial production on October 1, 2013 there is no comparable data for earlier periods.

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	Three months ended December 31, 2013 (unaudited)
Operating expenditure	\$ 9,715,023
Change in inventory	910,674
Depletion and depreciation	(1,418,870)
Royalties	(794,852)
By-product credits	<u>(266,780)</u>
Total cash costs	<u>8,145,195</u>
Gold produced	13,748
Cash cost per ounce of gold	\$ 592
Cash cost per tonne processed	<u>\$ 272</u>

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**All-in cash costs per ounce and per tonne**

The Company believes that "all-in sustaining costs" will better meet the needs of analysts, investors and other stakeholders of the Company in understanding the costs associated with producing gold, the economics of gold mining, assessing our operating performance and also our ability to generate free cash flow from current operations and to generate free cash flow on an overall Company basis.

The Company, in conjunction with an initiative undertaken within the gold mining industry, has adopted an all-in sustaining cost performance measure; however, this performance measure has no standardized meaning.

The Company has conformed its all-in sustaining definition to the measure as set out in the guidance note released by the World Gold Council ("WGC") (a non-regulatory market development organization for the gold industry whose members comprise global senior gold mining companies). "All-in sustaining costs" are intended to provide additional information only and do not have standardized definitions under IFRS and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with IFRS. These measures are not necessarily indicative of operating profit or cash flow from operations as determined under IFRS. Although the WGC has published a standardized definition, companies may calculate these measures differently. "All-in sustaining costs" include total production cash costs incurred at the Company's mining operations, which forms the basis of the Company's by-product cash costs. Additionally, the Company includes sustaining capital expenditures, corporate selling, general and administrative expenses, and exploration expenditures in this measure. The Company believes that this measure represents the total costs of producing gold from current operations, and provides the Company and other stakeholders of the Company with additional information of the

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Company's operational performance and ability to generate cash flows. As the measure seeks to reflect the full cost of gold production from current operations, new project capital is not included. Certain other cash expenditures, including tax payments, dividends and financing costs are also not included. The Company reports this measure on a gold ounces sold basis. The following tables provide a reconciliation of all-in sustaining costs per ounce to the consolidated financial statements for the three months ended December 31, 2013:

	Three months ended December 31, 2013 (unaudited)
Total cash costs	\$ 8,145,195
Royalties	794,852
Depletion and depreciation	1,476,950
Capital expenditure	145,618
Exploration expenditure	<u>309,304</u>
Total all-in sustaining cash costs	<u>10,871,919</u>
Gold produced	13,748
All-in sustaining cash cost per ounce of gold	<u>\$ 791</u>

**Critical Accounting Estimates and Policies**

Set out below are the Company's critical accounting policies and estimates:

**Revenue recognition**

Revenue from the sale of gold and silver is recognized when the quantity of metal sold and the sales price are fixed, title has passed to the buyer and collection is reasonably assured. Revenue is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable.

**Inventory**

Gold and silver dore, gold and silver in-process and stockpiled mined material inventories are recorded at the lower of average cost and net realizable value. The cost of finished goods and gold and silver in-process includes direct materials, direct labour, depreciation of mining assets and depreciation of mining and processing plant and equipment. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price less applicable selling expenses.

Materials and supplies inventories are valued at the lower of average cost and net realizable value.

**Mineral Properties, Plant and Equipment**

***Exploration and evaluation properties***

Once a license to explore an area has been secured, expenditures on exploration and evaluation activities are capitalized to exploration and evaluation. Exploration and evaluation expenditures relate to the initial search for deposits with economic potential and to detailed assessments of deposits or other projects that have been identified as having economic potential.

Once an economically viable project has been determined for an area and the decision to proceed with development has been approved, exploration and evaluation assets attributable to that area are first tested for impairment and then reclassified to mines under construction within mine properties, plant and equipment.

Subsequent recovery of the resulting carrying value depends on successful development or sale of the undeveloped project. If a project does not prove viable, all irrecoverable costs associated with the project net of any impairment provisions are written off.

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***Development properties***

When economically viable projects have been determined and the decision to proceed with development has been approved, the expenditures related to construction are capitalized as mines under construction and classified as a component of mine properties, plant and equipment. Costs associated with the commissioning of new assets, in the pre-commercial period before they are operating in the way intended by management, are capitalized, net of any pre-production revenues. Commercial production is deemed to have occurred when management determines that, amongst other items, the completion of operational commissioning of major mine components has been reached, operating results are being achieved consistently for a period of time, and there are indicators that these operating results will continue.

Once commercial production has been achieved at a project exploration and development expenditure is amortized on a unit-of-production basis over the measured and indicated resources expected to be extracted economically, and included as part of the production cost.

When further development expenditure is incurred in respect of a mine property subsequent to the commencement of commercial production, such expenditure is capitalized as part of the mine property only when substantial new future economic benefits are established, otherwise such expenditure is classified as part of the cost of production.

***Plant and equipment***

The initial cost of an asset comprises its purchase price or construction cost, any costs directly attributable to bringing the asset into operation, the initial estimate of the rehabilitation obligation, and for qualifying assets, borrowing costs. The purchase price or construction cost is the aggregate amount paid and the fair value of any other consideration given to acquire the asset.

Depreciation methods and useful lives are reviewed at each annual reporting date and adjusted as appropriate. Where an item of plant and equipment comprises major components with different useful lives, the components are accounted for as separate items of plant and equipment. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the following terms:

Office and exploration equipment	5 years	
Vehicles	3 years	
Mining equipment	5 years	
Drill rigs		5 years
Plant	10 years	
Office buildings	20 years	

**Provision for closure and restoration**

The Company recognizes provisions for statutory, contractual, constructive or legal obligations associated with the decommissioning and reclamation of mine properties, plant and equipment, when those obligations result from the acquisition, construction, development or normal operation of the assets. A liability is recognized at the time environmental disturbance occurs and the resulting costs are capitalized to the corresponding asset. The provision for reclamation and rehabilitation obligations is estimated using expected cash flows and is discounted at a pre-tax rate specific to the liability. The capitalized amount is amortized on the same basis as the related asset. The liability is adjusted for the accretion of the discounted obligation and any changes in the amount or timing of the underlying future cash flows.

In subsequent periods, the liability is adjusted for any changes in the amount or timing of the estimated future cash costs and for the accretion of discounted underlying future cash flows. The unwinding of the effect of discounting the provision is recorded as an expense in the profit or loss.

**Stock-based compensation**

Certain employees (including directors and senior executives) of the Company receive a portion of their remuneration in the form of stock options. The cost of these stock options is measured using the estimated fair value at the date of the grant determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The Black-Scholes option pricing model requires the input of subjective assumptions, including the expected term of the option and stock price volatility. The expected term of options granted is determined based on historical data on the average hold period before exercise, expiry or cancellation. Expected volatility is estimated with reference to the historical volatility of the share price of the Company.

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These estimates involve inherent uncertainties and the application of management's judgment. The costs are recognized over the vesting period of the option. The total amount recognized as an expense is adjusted to reflect the number of options expected to vest at each reporting date. The corresponding credit for these costs is recognized in contributed surplus in shareholders' equity.

Stock based compensation arrangements in which the Company receives goods or services as consideration for its own equity instruments are accounted for as equity settled share based payment transactions and measured at the fair value of goods or services received. If the fair value of the goods or services received cannot be estimated reliably, the share based payment transaction is measured at the fair value of the equity instruments granted at the date the Company receives the goods or the services.

**Income taxes**

The Company recognizes the deferred tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using the enacted, or substantively enacted, tax rates expected to apply when the asset is realized or the liability settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that substantive enactment or enactment occurs. Deferred tax assets are recognized to the extent that recovery is estimated to be probable.

**Estimates, judgments, risks and uncertainties**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, revenue and expenses and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from these estimates and, as such, estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions are recognized in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future period affected.

The key sources of estimation uncertainty and judgments used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and earnings within the next financial year, are discussed below:

***Mineral resource estimation***

The carrying value and recoverability of mineral properties requires management to make certain estimates, judgments and assumptions about each project. Management considers the economics of the project, including the latest resources prices and the long-term forecasts, and the overall economic viability of the project. The determination of mineral resources also requires the use of estimates. The Company estimates its mineral resources based on information compiled by Qualified Persons as defined in accordance with NI 43-101. There are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating mineral resources and assumptions that are valid at the time of estimation but may change significantly when new information becomes available. Changes in the forecasted prices of commodities, exchange rates, production costs or recovery rates may change the economic status of resources and may result in changes to resource estimates.

***Inventories***

Management makes estimates of recoverable quantities in stockpiled mined material, in-process material and gold and silver dore to determine the average costs of finished goods sold during the period and the value of inventories in the Company's Statement of Financial Position. Net realizable value tests are performed at each reporting period based on the estimated future sales price of the gold and silver dore, based on the prevailing and long-term gold prices, less estimated costs to complete production and bring the gold and silver dore to selling condition.

The recoverable quantity of mined material in stockpiles is estimated based on tonnage added and removed from the stockpiles, the amount of contained gold ounces based on assay data, and the estimated recovery percentage based on the historical recoveries obtained in the expected processing method. Stockpiled mined material tonnage and estimated grade is reconciled to periodic surveys.

***Provision for closure and restoration***

In estimating the provision for closure and restoration, the Company makes assumptions about activities that occur many years into the future including the cost and timing of such activities. The ultimate financial impact is not clearly known as

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decommissioning costs and techniques are constantly changing, as are legal, regulatory, environmental, political, safety and other such considerations. In arriving at accounts recorded, numerous assumptions and estimates are made on ultimate settlement amounts, inflation factors, discount rates, timing and expected changes in legal, regulatory, environmental, political, and safety requirements.

***Units-of-production ("UOP") amortization***

The Company uses estimated economical measured and indicated resources as the basis for determining the amortization of certain mineral property and capitalized mine development expenditures. This results in an amortization charge proportional to the anticipated remaining mine life. These calculations require the use of estimates and assumptions, including the amount of measured and indicated resources.

***Income Taxes***

The determination of income tax is inherently complex and requires making certain estimates and assumptions about future events. While income tax filings are subject to audits and reassessments, the Company has adequately provided for all income tax obligations. However, changes in facts and circumstances as a result of income tax audits, reassessments, jurisprudence and any new legislation may result in an increase or decrease in our provision for income taxes.

***Stock-based compensation***

Stock-based payments are subject to estimation of the value of the award at the date of grant using pricing models such as the Black-Scholes option valuation model. The option valuation model requires the input of highly subjective assumptions including the expected stock price volatility. Because the Company's stock options have characteristics significantly different from those of traded options and because the subjective input assumptions can materially affect the calculated fair value, such value is subject to measurement uncertainty.

***Commencement of commercial production***

Costs associated with the commissioning of new assets, in the pre-commercial period before they are operating in the way intended by management, are capitalized, net of any pre-production revenues. Commercial production is deemed to have occurred when management determines that, amongst other items, the completion of operational commissioning of major mine components has been reached, operating results are being achieved consistently for a period of time, and there are indicators that these operating results will continue, all of which involve management judgments.

**New accounting standards and interpretations**

The following standards and amendments to existing standards have been adopted by the Company commencing January 1, 2013 and have little or no impact on the Company's financial statements:

**IAS 1 Presentation of *Financial Statement*** - These amendments of IAS 1 change the grouping of items presented in other comprehensive income. Items that could be reclassified (or 'recycled') to net earnings at a future point in time would be presented separately from items that will never be reclassified. The amendment becomes effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

**IAS 19 *Employee Benefits*** - On June 16, 2011, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) published a revised version of IAS 19. The revised IAS 19 ("IAS 19R") represents IASB's effort to improve the accounting for employee retirement benefits.

**IFRS 10 *Consolidated Financial Statements*** - IFRS 10 provides a definition of control under IFRS such that the same criteria are applied to all entities. Control exists when an entity has power over the investee, exposure or rights to variable returns from its involvement with the investee and the ability to use its power to affect the investor's return.

**IFRS 11 *Joint Arrangements*** - IFRS 11 reduces the types of joint arrangements to two: joint ventures and joint operations. Joint operations are arrangements where the jointly controlling parties have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities of the arrangement. Joint operations are accounted for by recognition of an entity's proportionate share of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Joint ventures are arrangements where the jointly controlling parties have rights only to the net assets of the arrangement.

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IFRS 12 *Disclosure of Interest in Other Entities* - IFRS 12 sets out the disclosure requirements for entities reporting under IFRS 10 and IFRS 11, and replaces the disclosure requirements currently found in IAS 28 *Investments in Associates*. The requirements of IFRS 12 relate only to disclosures that are applicable for the first annual period after adoption.

IFRS 13 *Fair Value Measurement* - This standard aims to improve consistency and reduce complexity by providing a precise definition of fair value and a single source of fair value measurement and disclosure requirements for use across all IFRS's. The requirements do not extend the use of fair value accounting but provide guidance on how it should be applied where its use is already required or permitted by other standards within IFRS.

IFRIC 20 *Stripping costs in the production phase of a surface mine* – This interpretation applies to waste removal costs that are incurred in open pit mining activity during the production phase of the mine. Recognition of a stripping activity asset requires the asset to be related to an identifiable component of the ore body. Stripping costs that relate to inventory produced should be accounted for as a current production cost in accordance with IAS 2.

*Inventories*. Stripping costs that generate a benefit of improved access and meet the definition of an asset should be accounted for as an addition to an existing asset. Existing stripping costs on the balance sheet at transition that do not relate to a specific ore body should be written off to opening retained earnings.

IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* – is indefinitely postponed and could change the classification and measurement of financial assets. The extent of the effects of IFRS 9 on the consolidated financial statements has not been determined.

### **Critical Risk Factors**

The exploration and development of mineral deposits involves certain significant risks not within the control of management. A comprehensive discussion of risk factors included in the Company's Annual Information Form dated March 31, 2014, available on SEDAR at [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com). Those as well as the following additional risks may impact the business of the Company.

#### ***Financial Instruments Risks***

##### *Financial assets and liabilities*

The fair value hierarchy establishes three levels in which to classify the inputs of valuation techniques used to measure fair value. Level 1 inputs are quoted market prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted market prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly, such as prices, or indirectly (derived from prices). Level 3 inputs are unobservable (supported by little or no market activity) such as non-corroborative indicative prices for a particular instrument provided by a third party.

There were no transfers between Level 1 and 2 or any transfers into or out of Level 3 during the year. Cash is stated at fair value and classified within Level 1. The fair values of receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate carrying values because of the short term nature of these instruments.

##### *Credit Risk*

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to credit risk consist of cash and receivables. The Company deposits cash with high quality financial institutions as determined by rating agencies in Canada and Treasury Bills issued by the Federal Government of Canada, for which management believes the risk of loss to be minimal. The Company holds minimal balances in banks in Ecuador.

Receivables mainly consist of employee advances and sales tax refunds from the Federal Governments of Canada and Ecuador. Management believes that the credit risk concentration with respect to receivables is minimal.

##### *Currency Risk*

The Company's operations in Canada and Ecuador create exposure to foreign currency fluctuation. Some of the Company's operating expenditures are incurred in Canadian dollars, and the fluctuation of the US dollar in relation to the Canadian

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dollar will have an impact upon the profitability of the Company and may also affect the value of the Company's financial assets and liabilities. The Company has not entered into any agreements or purchased any instruments to hedge possible currency risks.

A portion of the Company's cash, receivables and accounts payable and accruals are denominated in the Canadian dollar and are therefore subject to fluctuation in exchange rates, however these balances are not large enough to expose the Company to significant foreign exchange risk.

*Interest Rate Risk*

The Company maintains short-term deposits in instruments that are redeemable at any time without penalty, thereby reducing its exposure to interest rate fluctuations thereon. The Company has no significant interest bearing debt and other interest rate risks on the Company's operations are not considered material.

*Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company will not be able to meet its obligations as they become due. The Company's approach to managing liquidity risk is to ensure that it will have sufficient liquidity to meet liabilities when due. The Company manages its liquidity risk by forecasting cash flows from operations and anticipating any investing and financing activities. Management and the Board of Directors are actively involved in the review, planning and approval of significant expenditures and commitments.

*Price risk*

The Company is exposed to price risk with respect to commodity and equity prices. The ability of the Company to explore its mineral properties and the future profitability of the Company are directly related to the market price of gold and other precious metals. The Company monitors gold and other commodity prices to determine the appropriate course of action to be taken by the Company.

**Additional Information**

***Securities Issued During the Period***

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company issued incentive stock options to purchase 1,490,000 common shares at CAD\$0.64 each.

***Securities Cancelled During the Period***

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company cancelled previously issued options to purchase 75,000 common shares at CAD\$5.00 each upon their expiry; cancelled previously issued options to purchase 100,000 common shares at CAD\$3.07 each upon their expiry; cancelled previously issued options to purchase 50,000 common shares at CAD\$5.45 each upon their expiry; cancelled previously issued options to purchase 200,000 common shares at CAD\$3.00 each upon their expiry; cancelled previously issued options to purchase 75,000 common shares at CAD\$3.85 each upon their expiry and cancelled previously issued options to purchase 250,000 common shares at CAD\$2.00 each upon their expiry.

***Securities Issued At End Of Period***

On December 31, 2013, the Company had 42,461,083 common shares issued and outstanding. There are 42,461,083 common shares issued and outstanding as at the date of this report.

There are outstanding incentive stock options to purchase 5,426,300 common shares of the Company as at the date of this report, as follows:

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Number	Exercise Price	Expiry Date
30,000	\$ 2.77	June 8, 2014
65,000	\$ 3.53	22 July, 2014
860,000	\$ 5.45	November 6, 2014
15,000	\$ 5.17	December 8, 2014
50,000	\$ 5.45	January 12, 2015
20,000	\$ 4.07	March 15, 2015
20,000	\$ 3.95	May 5, 2015
10,300	\$ 4.12	September 21, 2015
20,000	\$ 4.53	December 3, 2015
127,000	\$ 3.63	January 28, 2016
108,000	\$ 3.32	May 17, 2016
10,000	\$ 2.85	June 27, 2016
31,000	\$ 2.94	25 July, 2016
3,000	\$ 3.00	8 September, 2016
1,227,000	\$ 3.07	1 December, 2016
55,000	\$ 3.00	7 February, 2017
150,000	\$ 4.50	23 February, 2017
45,000	\$ 3.00	17 September, 2017
1,490,000	\$ 0.64	16 July, 2018
<u>623,500</u>	\$ 0.89	1 January, 2019
5,426,300		

***Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Controls over Financial Reporting***

The Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company have evaluated or caused to be evaluated for effectiveness the Company's disclosure control procedures and internal control over financial reporting which has been designed or caused to be designed under their supervision in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS.

The Company took into consideration the following characteristics common to companies of a similar size:

- The limited number of personnel in smaller companies, which constrains the Company's ability to fully segregate conflicting duties;
- The Company's reliance on an active Board and management with open lines of communication to maintain the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures; and
- The dynamic and evolving nature of smaller companies, which limits their ability to have static processes that are well-documented.

In addition, management has relied upon certain informal procedures and communication, and upon "hands-on" knowledge of senior management to maintain the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures; and work to continually improve and upgrade the design and evaluation of its disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting.

**Disclosure controls and procedures**

As at December 31, 2013, this evaluation confirmed the effectiveness of the design and operation of disclosure controls and procedures to provide reasonable assurance that material information relating to the Company is reported to it in a timely manner so that it can provide investors with complete and reliable information. However, there can be no assurance that the risk of a material misstatement in the annual financial statements can be reduced to less than a remote likelihood.

**Internal controls and Procedures over Financial Reporting**

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal controls over financial reporting. Any system of internal control over financial reporting, no matter how well designed, has inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial

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statement preparation and presentation.

The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that internal controls over financial reporting are appropriately designed and are operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements in accordance with IFRS.

There have been no changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the year ended December 31, 2013, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal controls over financial reporting.

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**Outlook**

In the near term, the Company will continue to develop the mine at Zaruma with the objective of reaching a steady state mining and processing target of the annual equivalent of 300,000 tonnes of material per annum.

The Company will also continue to work to define geological trends and develop suitable targets for drilling, and drill those targets, on its Zaruma Project, and evaluate its exploration and development plans at its other projects (the Jerusalem and Dynasty Copper-Gold Belt Projects) and to expand its holdings where warranted. Furthermore, the Company will look to advance the mine and plant permitting process at the Jerusalem Project and reassess the economics of constructing a mining operation at the project.

The Company may seek opportunities in the future to form joint ventures and evaluate investment opportunities both in Ecuador and elsewhere. As a mineral exploration and development company, the future liquidity of the Company will be affected principally by the size of its exploration and development expenditures and by its ability to raise capital. The Company may have to adjust its exploration and development programs from time to time depending upon the availability of capital.